

THE FRENCH NATION'S GIFT.

PREPARING FOR THE GREAT MEETING AT
THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC TO-NIGHT.

A meeting of the American committee on Bertholdi's statue of "Liberty Enlightening the World" was held at the Union League Club last evening, the Hon. William M. Evarts in the chair. Over two hours were spent by the committee in consultation regarding the mass-meeting which is to be held in the Academy of Music to-night for the purpose of arousing public sentiment in the matter of securing the \$200,000 necessary to provide a pedestal and properly erect and anchor the massive statue on Bedloe's Island, when it arrives here next Summer. Reports were received that tickets for the Academy have been eagerly sought at the various places where they were placed for distribution, and that new supplies had to be furnished at all these places. In addition to the tickets thus disposed of 5,000 have been sent through the mail or presented personally by members of the committee to citizens who are presumed to take an interest in the statue. The general feeling of the committee was that the meeting will be one of the largest ever held in the Academy, and persons desiring to secure good seats will do well to be on hand early to-night. The committee made good progress last evening in the organization of special committees of the different trade and commercial associations of this City, upon whom the main burden of the work of securing subscriptions is to fall, and these committees will be present at the meeting to-night. The committee also expects to name at the meeting committees in all the principal cities of the Union, to whom will be intrusted the task of collecting money for the fund. "We expect a rousing meeting to-night," said Mr. Evarts, after the committee had adjourned, "and we are very sanguine of the result of the patriotic enthusiasm which we expect to arouse. We consider that our work will be half done after the mass-meeting, and we are confident that this City and the American people generally will respond liberally to our appeal for the necessary money to permit of the proper reception and disposition of the gift of the French people to this Nation."

The meeting to-night will be addressed by ex-Lieut.-Gov. Dorsheimer, Joseph H. Choate, the Rev. Dr. Henry C. Potter, and the Rev. Robert Collyer, and will be presided over by the Hon. William M. Evarts. The speeches will be on the Bartholdi statue and kindred subjects which may be suggested by the colossal figure. Gilmore's full band will furnish the music, which is to be of a high order. The prospects are that the meeting will be one of the largest and most interesting ever held in this City.

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